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NOTIFICATION

*Delhi, the 4th May 1951*

**S.R.O. 655.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act 1946 (Act No. XXIV of 1946) as delegated under the Government of India, late Department of Food Notification No. PY-603(2)-1, dated the 21st October 1946 and with the prior approval of the Government of India the Chief Commissioner of Delhi, being satisfied that this measure is necessary for the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community, is pleased to make the following Order in supersession of his Notification No. F.21(1)/46-CS, dated the 25th March 1946, as subsequently modified.

## ORDER

(1) This Order may be called the Delhi Rationing (Limitation of Guests) Order, 1951

(2) It shall apply to the whole area of the Delhi State other than the President's House in New Delhi and the premises serving as the Headquarters of diplomatic or consular representatives or Governmental missions of foreign nation.

(3) It shall come into force immediately.

(4) No person or body of persons acting either jointly or severally at or in connection with one or more parties, entertainment, social or other functions, shall on any one day distribute or provide for consumption, or distribution, or accept or contribute for service or distribution for consumption any comestibles except liquid refreshments (including ice cream-kulfi) nuts, fruits, fresh and/or dried, Potato chips, and preparations of sweet potatoes, bananas, tapioca, gram and gram products, groundnut atta and milk products with sugar, gur, shakkar, salt and/or ghee, oil or vegetable oil products but without any admixture of wheat, rice, jowar, bajra, barley and maize or (other controlled cereals) and pan-supari to twenty five or more persons excluding the person or persons so serving distributing providing, or contributing for such services or distribution.

Provided that this restriction shall not apply to proprietor, Manager or Person in charge of a catering establishment, residential establishment or institution (as defined in the Delhi Rationing Order 1944) serving food to a consumer or resident in the course of regular business and not in connection with any party, entertainment or functions given at the instance of himself or of any other person.

Provided further that on occasions of marriages and funerals the number of guests excluding the members of the household holding food ration cards under the same head of family to whom comestibles can be served, shall not exceed fifty. In the case of marriages rations for 50 persons for two meals and in the case of funerals rations for 50 persons for 1 meal will be issued by the Controller of Rationing, Delhi.

- (5) The restrictions imposed by clause 4 shall not apply in the following cases:—
- (a) Distribution of food by way of "Prasad" or as part of a recognised religious ceremony by any temple, mosque or gurdwara or other religious institution provided the quantity so distributed does not exceed one ounce per head.
  - (b) Official parties arranged by the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs.
  - (c) Distribution of wedding cake or sending of sweets in celebration of weddings, provided the quantity of rationed foodgrains used for preparing such cakes etc., does not exceed the quantity admissible for 50 persons on occasions of marriages.
- (6) The Chief Commissioner Delhi may grant exemption from the provisions of this order;
- (a) to any club or association for holding contributory dinners, lunches, teas etc., for members to which guests not exceeding 24 in number can be invited, on being satisfied as to the bonafides of such club or association. Such dinners, lunches, teas, etc., shall be held either at the Club/Association premises or in any establishment or other place to be notified to the Chief Commissioner at the time of applying for permission.
  - (b) in special cases, on receipt of specific requests, from the heads of embassies for holding a function or dinner to which more than 24 persons are to be invited, outside the premises serving as the Headquarters of the Embassy concerned.
- (7) The proprietor, manager or person in charge of a catering establishment, residential establishment or institution who undertakes to serve food at or in connection with any party, entertainment, social or other function to more than twenty persons, and the person organising or acting as the host (s) at such a party, entertainment or function shall give notice thereof in writing not less than forty-eight hours before the function, to the Controller of Rationing, Delhi, specifying the nature of the party, entertainment or function, the place at which it will be held and the number of persons who are to be served with food.

[No. F. 21(2)/51-CS(1)]

**S.R.O. 656.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act, 1946, (Act No. XXIV of 1946), and delegated under the Government of India, Department of Food Notification No. PY-603(2)-1, dated the 21st October, 1946, and with the prior approval of the Government of India the Chief Commissioner of Delhi, being satisfied that this measure is necessary for the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community is pleased to make the following order in supersession of his Notification No. F.21(5)/46-CS, dated the 23rd December 1946, namely:—

#### ORDER

- (1) This order may be called the Delhi Rationing (Meals in Establishment) Order, 1951.
  - (2) It extends to the whole of Delhi State.
  - (3) It shall come into force immediately.
2. In this Order unless there is any thing repugnant in the subject or context:—
- (a) "establishment" means the proprietor, manager or other person in-charge of a catering establishment or residential establishment as defined in the Delhi Rationing Order 1944, and includes the proprietor, manager or other person in charge of an institution, other than a hospital, sanatorium asylum or a nursing home, which provides meals to its residents or to the public.
  - (b) "establishment consumption" means establishment consumption as defined in the Delhi Rationing Order 1944;
  - (c) "customer" includes a resident of the establishment and a person who contracts with an establishment for a party or function outside the actual premises of the establishment, or purchases, or attempts to purchase, from an establishment, cakes, sweets, pastries, nans, buns, rolls and bread for consumption inside or outside the establishment.

(d) "bread" means and includes baker's bread (as defined in the Delhi Rationing Regulations 1944), rolls, chapatis, poories, paranthas, phulkas, nans, and buns;

3. (a) No establishments shall serve or cause or permit to be served to a single customer at a single meal and no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain from an establishment for himself or for any other person at or for the purposes of a single meal more than 3 courses whether for establishment consumption or otherwise.

(b) In European style establishment three courses will comprise one main dish and two subsidiary dishes.

(c) In Indian style Establishments catering for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians the choice of three may be allowed from four alternative courses, the alternative dishes being a dish of meat or fish or eggs or dal. The courses may consist of the following:—

Vegetarians.—One dal, vegetables and a sweet dish.

Non-vegetarians.—One dish course which may consist of meat or fish or vegetables or eggs; a second course comprising a sweet dish; a third course comprising vegetables.

Explanation.—All main dishes including such items as ice cream, porridge, force, grapenuts or any other special cereal preparation; fruit salad or any cooked preparation of fruit; savouries (including any cooked cheese dish) soup, dal, and meat or fish or eggs shall be reckoned as courses, but bread with butter or other spread; dessert and coffee, fruits vegetables, chappaties, parathas, buns, bhakarries may be served as part of a main dish.

4. The Director of Rationing & Civil Supplies, Delhi may by order in writing specify the number (not less than three) of dishes which any establishment, or establishments generally, may provide or offer to provide for any meal and may prohibit the preparation or the serving of any dish specified by him, and the establishment or establishments as the case may be, shall comply with the order.

5. The Director of Civil Supplies may by order in writing make rules for the regulation of (meals in Establishments). The Establishment or establishments as the case may be shall comply with the order.

6. No establishment other than an Indian Style Establishment shall serve or cause to be served to any customer at a single meal a quantity of bread in excess of three ounces. The total quantity of baker's bread or roll or bun made of controlled cereal served to a bonafide resident of an Indian Style Establishment at all meals in a period of 24 hours shall not exceed the scale of rations applicable to an ordinary cardholder of the same category (W. R. etc.).

Provided that no customer shall purchase or attempt to purchase and no establishment shall sell, baker's bread, rolls or buns to a customer for outside consumption except against the surrender of bread tickets equivalent to the weight of the bread, loaf, roll or bun.

Serving of rice in establishments (except in certain specified Indian Style Establishments where the residents are habitual rice-eaters) is strictly prohibited.

7. The Director of Rationing & Civil Supplies, Delhi may by a general or special order in writing prohibit the serving, of cake, sweetpastry, rolls, buns, rusks, sweet meat specified or any other sweetmeat by an establishment to any customer for consumption on the premises or outside.

8. The amount which may be charged for any single meal whether a la carte or table d' hôte by an establishment shall not exceed three rupees eight annas per head excluding the cost of any alcoholic liquor or aerated waters supplied at the request of the customer;

Provided that those establishment listed in appendix "A" and who provide special amenities for their customers in the form of music, cabaret, refrigeration etc., may levy in addition a cover charge up to a maximum of Rs 3-8-0 for a la carte meals provided by them.

Explanation.—In the case of a la carte meals the maximum which can be charged by establishment other than those listed in appendix "A" is Rs. 3-8-0 and in the case of establishments listed in appendix "A" is Rs. 7 subject to the limitation imposed in clause 3.

9. All establishments including those listed in Appendix "A" shall display a table d' hôte menus for the meals obtainable with Rs. 3-8-0. Such table d' hôte menus will have to be approved by the Director of Rationing and Civil Supplies.

## APPENDIX 'A'.

1. Hotel Imperial, Queensway, New Delhi.
2. Hotel Cecil, Club Road, Delhi.
3. Maiden's Hotel, Alipur Road, Delhi.
4. Swiss Hotel, Alipur Road, Delhi.
5. Nirulas Corner House Restaurant; Cannought Circus, New Delhi.
6. Wengers Restaurant, Cannought Place, New Delhi.
7. Volga Restaurant, Cannought Place, New Delhi.
8. York Restaurant, Cannought Place, New Delhi.
9. Alps Restaurant, Queensway, New Delhi.
10. Palace Heights Restaurant, Cannought Place, New Delhi.

[No. F.21(2)/51-CS(2).]

By Order,

L. J. JOHNSON, Secy, Rationing and Civil Supplies.